



National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve

Lafitte Fire Update

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Fulton Jeansonne, Incident Commander

Size: 147 acres | **Containment:** 80% | **Total Personnel:** 57 | **Location:** 0.5 miles north of Jean Lafitte, 1.5 miles north of Barataria | **County:** Jefferson | **Start Date:** October 17, 2023 | **Cause:** Undetermined

Fire Updates will be published every other day.

Jean Lafitte, LA - The Lafitte Fire in the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve remains under control with only minor smoldering. It is still 147 acres. Fire containment has increased to 80% with no visible smoke produced by the fire. Smoke in the general area is coming from other south Louisiana fires.

This week- Firefighters' tactical efforts have increased fire containment from 60 percent to 80 percent deploying fire hoses, sprinklers, and portable water tanks across the fire area and saturating the ground with fresh water to extinguish the fire. Firefighters used thermal imaging to precisely identify and extinguish hot spots within the fire area.

Planned Actions- The fire is located in a marsh that is dry from ongoing drought conditions. Limited access and areas of heavy fuels are a constant constraint. Fire hoses have been established to support mop up efforts on the uncontrolled portion of the fire. Firefighters will continue mop up operations to extinguish hot spots, secure containment lines and reduce smoke production.

Weather- Mostly sunny today with humidity recovering to the 40 percent to 50 percent range. Winds will remain slightly elevated with east/northeast wind gusts in the 10 to 15 mph range. Temperatures from the low 40's to the high 60's today. Dry conditions continue through the weekend. The fire area is in a historic drought, resulting in elevated fire behavior, increased rates of spread, and extreme resistance to containment and control.

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